GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5037
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
PRODUCTION OF OPIUM
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether opium growers have drawn the attention of the Government regarding decrease of production of opium due to chilly winds and a specific disease of opium plants; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Sir, some opium cultivators have applied for partial / full uprooting of crops damaged due to various reasons including damage by chilly winds, disease, water shortage etc.

(b) As requested, unlanced damaged crops are being uprooted under the supervision of the Central Bureau of Narcotics.